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1. At the conclusion of the recent large-scale Russian maneuvers in Mecklenburg, a high-ranking Russian general held a critique of the maneuvers for the officers who had participated. This meeting took place in Wolgast.
2. [redacted] the general stated that if a war were provoked against Russia, the Russian Northern Army's first objective would be to secure the Baltic area through an immediate drive toward the English Channel.
3. This offensive would jump off from Mecklenburg in two main drives: One by way of Hamburg and Bremen and the second up through Schleswig-Holstein into Denmark. Simultaneously, landings would be made on the southern islands of Denmark.
4. Yet another drive would be made through Finland to secure Norway. Coastal landings would also be made in Norway. At the same time, other operations would be carried out against southern Europe.
5. The offensives against the Bremen area, Denmark, and part of Norway would achieve their objectives within three days. All available naval ships and landing boats in the Baltic would be used. All Baltic ports and approaches would be blocked with mines, but no direct operations would be undertaken against Sweden.
6. Later, after the critique, during a drinking party, several staff officers became engaged in an enthusiastic discussion. They maintained that if war came, a Russian "von Schlieffen Plan" would be followed in the main drive toward the west. The expression, "We will make our right flank strong" was heard repeatedly.
7. [redacted] the maneuvers in Mecklenburg were held partly to camouflage certain troop concentrations. The larger armored and artillery forces were drawn from the interior of Russia. The amphibious forces were drawn from Odessa, which is the headquarters for amphibious training and amphibious experiments. (The base for amphibious detachments in the Baltic area is maintained at Zippenow on the Schwinow See.) [redacted] a number of former Germans are serving in these detachments under the command of General Seydlitz, who was present at the maneuvers.

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